Deemed Universities in Karnataka

2725. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals recommended by the Karnataka Government for the grant of Deemed University status in the State; and

(b) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka had communicated to University Grants Commission (UGC), their no objection to the grant of Deemed University status to the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore. The Government, on the advice of UGC, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 declared the International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore as Deemed to be University under de-novo category.

Control over Professional Education

2726. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Students Federation of India for enactment of a Central legislation to ensure social control over the professional education sector; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has drafted a Central Legislation to govern admissions, fee structure etc. in private professional colleges. The draft Bill has already been circulated to all the State Governments, concerned Ministries and other stakeholders to elicit their views. Meanwhile, the Hon'ble Supreme Court *vide* their order dated 12th August, 2005 on Civil Appeal No. 5041 of 2005 between P.A. Inamdar & Ors. *Versus*

State of Maharashtra & Ors. have adjudicated on some of the questions having a bearing on the draft legislation.

Facilities under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2727. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities being given to the students under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan at present;

(b) whether Government propose to review the distribution of free text books to all the students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a programme for universalisation of elementary education in a time bound manner. It seeks to povide *inter-alia,* school infrastructure, teachers, textbook to SC/ST children and all girls, as well as inputs like regular training for teachers and the community, to promote enrolment, retention and improved learning levels amongst children in the 6-14 age group.

Stenography specialists as professors

†2728. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provisions for appointment of specialists in stenography as visiting lecturers or professors in polytechnics;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the All India Technical Education Council is no responsible for under valuing this subject; and

(c) the reasons for not giving recognition to the specialists of this subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.